

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

Monday, October 15, 2024 – 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas SWCD Conference Room on Monday, October 15, 2024. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Dropik, Froemming, Rutten, and Cleary. Also, in attendance were Commissioner England, NRCS District Conservationist- Cole Montgomery, Staff attending Haggemiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Rice and Olson.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular September 12, 2024, meeting was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Clery Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special Meeting Minutes, meeting was discussed. Motion by Froemming to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Dropik Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read. Motion by Cleary to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – Barsness reported they will meet on Friday, October 11, 2024.
- C. Sauk River Report** – No Meeting
- D. Chippewa River Report** – No Meeting
- E. Long Prairie Report** – Dropik reported the next meeting will be in November.21, 2024
- F. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – The meeting is tomorrow meeting.
- G. DCLA** – next meeting in April.
- H. Area II Meeting** Supervisors reported on new election of Officers, Barsness reelected as Treasurer.
- I. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** England mentioned the Joint Meeting was in Carlos, water patrol and the Pope & Douglas wastewater buildings are almost completed should be open the end of October. The re-bid process for the new rainbow Rider building has started. AC will meet at the Arrowwood September 13-15.

Old Business

- A. Website Hosting** - Motion by Cleary to approve the hosting and payment., seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- B. CD 23 Stormwater Pond Fix** Motion by Cleary to fix the CD 23 Stormwater Pond, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

New Business

- A. NRCS Field Office Update** –Cole Montgomery mentioned they hired a Rane Con will start January 12, 2024, Fiscal Year has ended shift to payments and EQIP planning. Had a lot of pasture infrastructure go in recently along with cover crops that we've been steadily certifying. Have a couple of sed basin projects that will start getting going as well. CSP documentations are slowly in been able to start pushing out payments for those that have everything in. EQIP ranking deadline will be in January. CSP sign up

deadline for the next sign-up is November 15th.

B. 2023 Draft Audit Motion by Froemming to approve the 2023 Audit, Seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

C. 2024 Resolution Packet are due by November 15, 2024

D. 2025 Health Insurance Rates Motion by Cleary to approve the 2025 Health Insurance Rates, Seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

E. BWSR Academy October 29-31 Brainerd Motion by Cleary to approve Albertsen & Arceneau to attend the BWSR Academy, Seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

F. FY 25 Buffer Implementation Grant Motion by Rutten to approve the FY 25 Buffer Implementation Grant, Seconded by Froemming. Motion Carried.

G. 2025 Tree Costs Motion by Cleary to approve the recommended cost for 2025 season, Seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

H. Cost Share Applications

- 1. Lakeshore Restoration Project Section 1 Ida Township Total Cost Estimate \$7,680.00 75% \$5,760.00 Using Lake Ida Phase II CWF** Motion by Rutten to approve the Lakeshore Restoration Project Section 1 Ida Township Total Cost Estimate \$7,680.00 75% \$5,760.00 Using Lake Ida Phase II CWF, Seconded by Froemming. Motion Carried.
- 2. Ag Waste Pit Closure Leaf Valley Section 24 Total Cost Estimate \$17,552.60 Cost Share 75% \$13,164.45 using Long Prairie WBIF FY 23 Funds** Motion by Rutten to approve the Ag Waste Pit Closure Leaf Valley Section 24 Total Cost Estimate \$17,552.60 Cost Share 75% \$13,164.45 using Long Prairie WBIF FY 23 Funds, Seconded by Froemming. Motion Carried.
- 3. CRP Incentive Section 27 & 28 Carlos Township 8.81 acres @ \$500/acre & 17.89 acres @ \$100/acres incentive \$6,194.00 using FY 25 Long Prairie CRP Funds** Motion by Cleary to approve the CRP Incentive Section 27 & 28 Carlos Township 8.81 acres @ \$500/acre & 17.89 acres @ \$100/acres incentive \$6,194.00 using FY 25 Long Prairie CRP Funds, Seconded by Froemming. Motion Carried.
- 4. Rain Garden/Conservation Cover Section 30 Alexandria Township Total Cost Estimate \$45,000.00 Cost Share \$15,000.00 using Long Prairie WBIF FY 25 Funds.** Motion by Cleary to approve the Rain Garden/Conservation Cover Section 30 Alexandria Township Total Cost Estimate \$45,000.00 Cost Share \$15,000.00 using Long Prairie WBIF FY 25 Funds., Seconded by Froemming. Motion Carried.
- 5. Water & Sediment Control Basins Section 12 Urness Township Total Cost Estimate \$23,313.00 75% Cost Share \$ 5,426.75 using FY 24 Conservation Contracts & \$12,058.00 EQIP Cost Share** Motion by Cleary to approve the Water & Sediment Control Basins Section 12 Urness Township Total Cost Estimate \$23,313.00 75% Cost Share \$ 5,426.75 using FY 24 Conservation Contracts & \$12,058.00 EQIP Cost Share, seconded by Rutten Motion Carried.
- 6. Water & Sediment Control Basins Section 34 Millerville Township Total Cost Estimate \$100,890.60 75% Cost Share \$ 4,815.95 using FY 24 Conservation Contracts & \$70,852.00 EQIP Cost Share,** Motion by Cleary to approve the Water & Sediment Control Basins Section 34 Millerville Township Total Cost Estimate \$100,890.60 75% Cost Share \$ 4,815.95 using FY 24 Conservation Contracts & \$70,852.00 EQIP Cost Share, Seconded by Froemming. Motion Carried.

I. Cost Share Payment

1. Low Income Septic Update Section 33 LaGrande Township Total Cost \$19,574.00 Cost Share Flat Rate \$7,500 using FY 24 NRBG Septic Cost Share
2. Low Income Septic Update Section 29 Urness Township Total Cost \$17,910.00 Cost Share Flat Rate \$7,500 using FY 24 NRBG Septic Cost Share

3. CRP Incentive Payment Section 14 Lund Township 28.36 Acres@ \$100 Acres Total Payment \$2,836.00 using FY 24 Pomme De Terre CRP Funds.
4. CRP Incentive Payment Section 12 Lund Township 6.62 Acres@ \$100 Acres Total Payment \$662.00 using FY 24 Pomme De Terre CRP Funds.
5. CRP Incentive Payment Section 24 Miliona Township 21.48 Acres@ \$100 Acres Total Payment \$2,148.00 using FY 25 Long Prairie CRP Funds.
6. CRP Incentive Payment Section 8 Spruce Hill Township 14.66 Acres@ \$100 Acres Total Payment \$1,466.00 using FY 25 Long Prairie CRP Funds.
7. CRP Incentive Payment Section 15 Spruce Hill Township 23.21 Acres@ \$100 Acres Total Payment \$2,321.00 using FY 25 Long Prairie CRP Funds.
8. CRP Incentive Payment Section 27 Moe Township 32.71 Acres@ \$100 Acres Total Payment \$3,271.00 using FY 25 Long Prairie CRP Funds.
9. CRP Incentive Payment Section 15 & 16 Belle River Township 86.98 Acres Payment max of \$7,000.00 using FY 25 Long Prairie CRP Funds.
10. Cover Crop Sections, 4, 29,21,29 Leaf Valley Township 357 Acres @ \$45/acre Total Cost Share \$16,063.20 using FY 25 Cover Crop Cost Share Motion by Cleary to approve all 10 Cost Share Payments, Seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

J. Work Schedule Modifications Request Anderson – Tabled until the next meeting, ‘

K. December Board Meeting – Monday, December 9, 2024, at 3:00pm.

VIII. Bills to Pay. During the month of October, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11577-11606 for a total of \$126,898.40 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten to pay the bills, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

Adjournment. Motion by Barsness to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary